

Reply To Examiner's Remarks

Claims 3-4, 6 and 9-12, as amended, and new claim 48 are presented for consideration. Claims 1-2, 5, 7-8 and 13-47 are canceled.

The Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs and recommends, on pages 8-9 of the Office Action, a new form of claim 1 that would be allowable. Claim 1 is canceled herein and replaced by new claim 48, which reads as the Examiner recommends.

The Examiner rejects claims 3 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for cited language inconsistencies. Claims 3, 6 and 9-12 are amended to remove the inconsistencies and to take account of the replacement of former claim 1 by new claim 48. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the many suggestions for improvement and correction of the claims.

The Applicants believe that, with these changes, claims 3-4, 6, 9-12 and 48 are in proper form for allowance. The Applicants request that the Examiner pass the application, including claims 3-4, 6, 9-12, as amended, and new claim 48 to issue as a U.S. patent.

Respectfully Submitted,



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